

REMARKS

Claims 20 to 25 and 34 to 39 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Katagiri et al. (US 6,656,620 B2). Claims 20 to 22 and 24 to 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Shimanuki et al. (US 6,755,399 B2). Claims 20 to 22, 24 and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Suzuki et al. (US 6,953,635 B2). Claims 20 to 22, 24, 25 and 34 to 39 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Wheat et al. (US 6,884,534 B2). Claims 26 to 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Katagiri et al. Claims 26 to 28 and 32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Suzuki et al. Claims 29 to 31 and 33 were objected to any being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 20 to 28, 32 and 34 to 39 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 29 to 31 and 33 have been amended in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.


Reconsideration of the application based on the following is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

The present application is respectfully submitted as being in condition for allowance and applicants respectfully request such action.

Respectfully submitted,

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